

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: I do not know. I will add, however, to that answer that I am not aware of any transcript to be taken after this January 12. I will be surprised if any is taken because we have no life after this January 12, to my understanding.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Neilson.

DELEGATE NEILSON: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Rybczynski made his statement that the most important work done in Committee, I suggest our Committee did a very good job putting this in. I would vote for reconsideration and would suggest or further move that we move the previous question.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Regularly moved that the previous question be ordered. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The question arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 11 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, LB-2, and LB-3 as amended by Report S&D-16, was adopted. The Clerk will please ring the quorum bell. The question arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 11 was adopted.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of reconsideration of Amendment No. 11. A vote No is a vote against. This is not a vote on the amendment. It is a vote on reconsideration. A vote Aye in favor of reconsideration, a vote No a vote against. Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted?

Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Aye.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boileau votes Aye. Has every other delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 71 votes in the affirmative and 48 in the negative, the motion carries. The vote by which Amendment No. 11 was adopted is reconsidered.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 11. Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, I hesitate to rise on this occasion because it is getting late. But I have not taken much time with this Convention and I think that this is a very serious problem that we are considering now. If the things that were brought out were true as to what this would mean by taking the transcript, I would certainly vote for it. But the thing that will happen is that a few of the delegates will get up and speak to get their speeches in the transcript. Eventually what will happen will be that these transcripts are sent back home for public consumption and to keep the legislators in office.

I would suggest that what is said on the floor in the legislature has little to do with the intent of a bill. I would suggest that the amount of money which the transcript will cost, and certainly as it goes along it will snowball, would not be worth what the people are saying to have it in the transcript. I suggest very few of you have read the transcripts that have been taken here. These transcripts are just as valuable and I might say more so because things are debated here more than they are in the legislature.

It is true that in the legislature the debates are in committee; most of the decisions are made there. I would urge you to vote in favor of the amendment to delete the transcript.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: Mr. Chairman, I will just take another moment of the Convention's time.

Anyone who has attempted to look at the meaning of a difficult piece of legislation—of course we have had this in the State of Maryland as elsewhere—has to resort, if he intends to know the meaning of that law, either to court decisions construing that law, to Attorney General's opinions, or to looking at the debate on the floor when that law was passed. This has been done as long as I have been practicing law, and that is one purpose that is served by having the transcript of the proceedings of the debates in your houses of the legislature.

We are not talking here about having a battery of reporters employed for a half million dollars by the House of Delegates and Senate. All this provision provides is that a transcript shall be made. In this day of great technical advances you can do this